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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: FUJII, Noriaki, et al.

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For: ENGINE VALVE OPERATING SYSTEM

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATIONCommissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **January 7, 2008**, extended from **April 7, 2008** to **May 7, 2008** by a **one (1)** month Petition for Extension of Time, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) of Claims 1, 3-5, 8 and 11 as being unpatentable over Fujii et al. (U.S. Published Application No. 2006/0102118) in view of Morita (JP 08-028235). The allowance of Claims 2, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 12 is acknowledged.

It is respectfully submitted that Morita shows an oil pipe (41) having oil supply holes (41A) and (41B) for lubricating sliding faces between cams and cam followers, and then flowing the oil through oil grooves (42) for lubricating sliding faces between a head of a valve stem and an end part of a rocker arm. Morita does not disclose or suggest an oil supply means to supply oil to an upper one of first and second connecting shafts of link arms, as presently claimed. Morita does not show link arms connected to the rocker arm.

Regarding Claims 4, 5, 8 and 11, it is respectfully submitted that Morita does not disclose